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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST
- COMMUNIST LEADERS STARTS; CODEFENDANTS NAMED

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1. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF SUBVERSION CHARGES AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTY
OF THE PHILIPPINES/MARXIST-LENINIST LEADER JOSE MARIA
SISON AND TEN CODEFENDANTS BEGAN JUNE 23. SISON'S CODEFENDANTS, PREVIOUSLY UNNAMED, ARE CESARIO DIEGO, SATURNINO OCAMPO, BENJAMIN DE VERA, JUANITO CANLAS, ANTONIO
LIAO, MILA ROQUE, ALFREDO GRANADA, RAMON ISBERTO, SYLVIA
SALES AND ESTER CENIZA. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GRANADA,
WHO IS CURRENTLY FREE ON A TEMPORARY RELEASE, ALL OTHER
DEFENDANTS ARE IN CUSTODY. AN ELEVENTH CODEFENDANT,
DIOSDADO LAYUG REPORTEDLY WAS GRANTED AMNESTY BY PRESIDENT
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MARCOS JUNE 12, EFFECTIVELY DISMISSING ALL CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM. SISON AND HIS TEN CODEFENDANTS ARE CHARGED WITH ORGANIZING THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES/ MARXIST-LENINIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF OVERTHROWING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE KILLING OF 32 PERSONS, INCLUDING THREE U.S. NAVY OFFICERS IN APRIL 1974.

- 2. THE DEFENDANTS WERE GIVEN COPIES OF THE CHARGE SHEET AND FIFTEEN DAYS IN WHICH TO RESPOND. THE NEXT HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10.
- 3. JUNE 24, FURTHER CHARGES WERE PLACED AGAINST SISON AND 89 OTHER DEFENDANTS FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO MANUFACTURE EXPLOSIVES AND AMMUNITION. SEE SEPTEL. MURPHY

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